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1. The construction of a Physics Institute for atomic energy research was begun in the fall of 1947 in a valley surrounded by hills, approximately two kilometers south of the village Vinca, and approximately two kilometers west of the Danube River on the Belgrade-Smederevo Highway. The Institute began to operate in the early part of 1948.
2. Director of the Institute is Dr. Pavle Savic, Professor at Belgrade University and well-known Yugoslav scientist, who at one time worked in the research laboratory of Madame Joliot-Curie in Paris. The Institute was built near Vinca upon Soviet instruction. It was the Soviet intention to make it a branch of the Soviet Institute for Atomic Energy Research. For this reason, several Soviet scientists who had worked with Dr. Kapica, the Soviet scientist in the field of atomic energy, were sent to the Institute prior to the Tito-Corinform break. One cyclotron was brought from Eastern Germany to be used at Vinca, and the uranium ore was brought from Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria.
3. All Soviet scientists left Vinca after the Corinform break. Only Professor Savic remained with his Yugoslav co-workers and with, allegedly, some German specialists. At the same time, shipments of uranium from Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria, as well as shipments of instruments and machinery, were halted. Thus, Vinca remained with only one cyclotron and no uranium. According to the latest reports it deals with purely theoretic scientific research.
4. An article appearing in the Yugoslav press on 26 August 1950 reported that Dr. Robert Valen, a prominent physicist and long-time co-worker of the Curie's Laboratory in Paris, is employed at the Institute.

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